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TAGS: CDES

SUBJECT: DEATH OF U.S. CITIZENS

1. FOLLOWING ABU DHABI 2680 BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR  
INFORMATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION:

LOCAL NEWS BROADCAST AT APPROX 1930 HOURS LOCAL TIME  
JANUARY 1, 1976 REPORTED CRASH OF MIDDLEEAST AIR LINE  
FLIGHT 438. CRASH OCCURED KUWAIT/SAUDI ARABIA BORDER AREA  
AT APPROXIMATELY 01/0230Z. FLIGHT ORIGINATED IN BEIRUT  
AND DESTINED FOR DUBAI, U.A.E. 82 RPT 82 PERSONS  
REPORTED KILLED. NO SURVIVORS. REPORT DID NOT RPT DID  
NOT INDICATE ANY U.S. CITIZENS ON BOARD AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER  
MEA MANAGER IN DUBAI INFORMED U.S. CONSUL THAT  
MR. ROBERT E. KULKA AND WIFE MICHELENE KULKA, U.S. CITIZENS  
WERE ON BOARD FLIGHT MEA 438. MR. KULKA IS MANAGER OF  
PARIS INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED ATTEMPT VERIFY WHEREABOUTS

KULKA AND WIFE THROUGH PARIS INTERCONTINENTAL AND INFORM  
ABU DHABI. DEPT INFORMED MEA FLIGHT DELAYED 8 HOURS,  
KULKASMAY HAVE CHANGED TRAVEL PLANS. INGERSOLL

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